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LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has announced an economic package of Rs. 24000/- crores for Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that different communities from Jammu, Ladakh and minorities of the valley such as Kashmiri Pandits, Shias, Gurjars etc. get their due share?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): The Prime Minister announced a Reconstruction Plan of Rs.24000 crores for Jammu and Kashmir on 17th and 18th, November 2004, which includes inter-alia projects for expanding economic infrastructure like power and roads; expanding provision of basic services like education, health, physical infrastructure for civic amenities; thrust to employment and income generation in the sectors of tourism, agriculture and food processing, creation of employment and self-employment opportunities; assistance to dislocated and the families of victims of militancy.

The Reconstruction Plan provides specifically for the development of the three regions of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The Plan also provides for two-room tenements for Kashmiri Migrant families residing in camps.